



Docket No.: 50353-574

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Katsumi OTA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3679  
Serial No.: 09/834,644 : Group Art Unit: 2663  
Filed: April 16, 2001 : Examiner: Nguyen, Chau T.  
For: COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK SYSTEM USING GATEWAY

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Sir:

A Status Inquiry was filed in the above referenced application on March 31, 2004. We have not as yet received a reply. In checking the PTO Pair System, it has been determined that the case was docketed to an Examiner on March 11, 2002 and the Status Inquiry of March 31, 2004 has not been entered. In that regard, we again ask for the status of the above application. We provide herewith a copy of the Status Inquiry filed on March 31, 2004, including the date stamped receipt card evidencing the filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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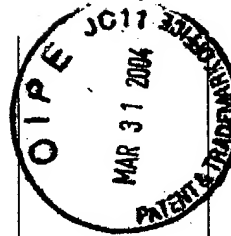


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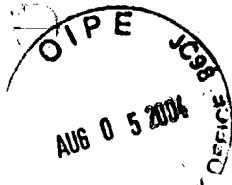
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Sir:

The above application was filed on April 16, 2001 and an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on September 24, 2003. Since more than one year has elapsed since that date, and no response to said patent application has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

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